

REMARKS

Claims 15-22 are believed to be fully supported by the specification and are patentable over the prior art. The composition of amphoteric agent, polymer substance and peeling agent is not described or suggested in the cited art. The art is directed to stable lacquer emulsions and not unstable dispersion for separating polymer.

Allowance of claims 15-22 and passage of the case to issue is solicited. If the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

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Exhibit A

A clean copy of the claims

15. A composition suitable for forming unstable dispersions of polymer or polymer mixtures in water consisting of an amphoteric agent, a polymer substance, and a peeling agent.
16. Composition as claimed in claim 15 wherein the composition comprises for 60-100% of the amphoteric compound and for 40-0% of the surfactant substance.
17. Composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the amphoteric compound is EDTA or NTA.
18. Composition as claimed in claim 15 wherein the amphoteric compound is an amino acid.
19. Composition as claimed in claim 15 wherein the amphoteric compound is glycine, leucine, glutamic acid or lysine.
20. Composition as claimed in claim 15 wherein alkyl polyglucoside or dodecylbenzene sulphonate is present as surfactant substance.
21. Composition as claimed in claim 15 wherein the peeling agent comprises shell sand.
22. Method for removing adhering polymers or polymer-containing mixtures, wherein a composition suitable for dispersing polymers or polymer-containing mixtures of claim 1 is applied at a pH such that a dispersion is formed from which the adhering polymer is separated in solid form.